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Subject: KENNECOTT/DWQ/DOGM MEETING - M/035/015

THE PURPOSE OF THIS EMAIL IS TO PROVIDE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF OUR MEETING WITH KENNECOTT AND DWQ REPRESENTATIVES THIS MORNING AT THE CANNON HEALTH BLDG. INITIALLY, LOWELL BRAXTON AND I MET WITH DON OSTLER, FRED PEHRSON, JOHN WHITEHEAD AND LARRY MIZE OF DWQ. WE DISCUSSED OUR MUTUAL CONCERNS WITH KENNECOTT'S TAILING IMPOUNDMENT EXPANSION APPLICATION, WHICH PRINCIPALLY INVOLVES THE ACID-GENERATION STUDY REPORT AND THE POTENTIAL LONG-TERM IMPACTS TO LOCAL GROUNDWATER RESOURCES AND REVEGETATION EFFORTS. ALL PARTIES AGREED TO THE PROPOSED CONCEPT OF ASKING KENNECOTT TO ASSIST IN THE FUNDING OF AN INDEPENDENT TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE, BOARD, OR TASK FORCE. THE REVIEW COMMITTEE TO ASSIST DOGM AND DWQ IN EVALUATING THE PRELIMINARY BASELINE REPORTS, EXISTING AND PROPOSED MONITORING PROGRAMS AND ASSOCIATED DATA WHICH IS PART OF KENNECOTT'S LATEST TAILINGS IMPOUNDMENT PERMIT APPLICATION. DON OSTLER INDICATED HE WOULD ADVISE DIANNE NIELSON OF OUR PROPOSED PLANS IN THIS REGARD. MR. OSTLER AND MR. PEHRSON COULD NOT STAY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEDULED MEETING WITH KENNECOTT REPRESENTATIVES.

AT 9:30AM, WE MET WITH MR. BOB DUNN, PAULA DOUGHTY, AND RICK JONES OF KENNECOTT. WE JOINTLY EXPRESSED OUR CONCERNS WITH THE ACIDIFICATION REPORT AND ADMITTED OUR MUTUAL DESIRE TO HAVE AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE FORMED TO ASSIST IN THE EVALUATION OF THE INFORMATION GENERATED TO DATE. KENNECOTT OBJECTED TO THE IDEA OF A TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE/BOARD AND OFFERED AN ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTION/SOLUTION. MR. DUNN STATED KENNECOTT WOULD BE WILLING TO HAVE THEIR CONSULTANTS (SCHAFFER AND MILLER) PUT ON AN EDUCATION/TRAINING AND INTERPRETIVE SESSION FOR THE STATE AGENCIES TO ASSIST THE TECHNICAL REVIEWERS IN GAINING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ACIDIFICATION REPORT AND THE TECHNICAL PRINCIPALS BEHIND THE ASSUMPTIONS AND PREDICTIONS MADE THEREIN. MR. DUNN ALSO INDICATED THAT KENNECOTT WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO HIRE AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT(S) TO REVIEW THE REPORTS AND DATA GENERATED TO DATE, IF THAT WOULD ASSIST THE REGULATORY AGENCIES IN MOVING THE PERMITS FORWARD.

DOGM AND DWQ EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR KENNECOTT'S UNDERSTANDING AND WILLINGNESS TO WORK OUT A SOLUTION TO OUR CONCERNS. WE STATED THAT WE PROBABLY WOULD TAKE THEM UP ON THEIR OFFER TO HAVE SHAFFER AND MILLER COME TO SALT LAKE AND DISCUSS THEIR ACIDIFICATION REPORT. WE INDICATED THAT WE WOULD REGROUP WITH OUR RESPECTIVE MANAGERMENTS AND ADVISE KENNECOTT ACCORDINGLY OF OUR DECISION REGARDING HIRING ANOTHER CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT TO PERFORM AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE PERMITTING DATA GENERATED TO DATE.

WE TOLD KENNECOTT THAT WE WOULD SEND A FOLLOWUP LETTER WITH OUR DECISION IN THE NEAR TERM. I INDICATED THAT I HOPED TO HAVE DOGM'S TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMENTS ASSEMBLED BY SEPTEMBER 8TH. JOHN WHITEHEAD INDICATED DWQ HOPED TO HAVE THEIR REVISED DRAFT GROUNDWATER PERMIT READY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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